

Queen Victoria



Key Facts

- Victoria ruled with her husband, Prince Albert, until his death in 1861. They had nine children together.
- Queen Victoria's legacy was that she was a very popular queen. During her reign, it was a time of industrial expansion, economic progress and she built an empire, and ruled over a quarter of the world.
- The Industrial Revolution was a period of major change in the way products were made. It took place more than 200 years ago and greatly affected the way people lived as well as the way they worked. In earlier days, people made products by hand. They worked mostly in their own homes or in small workshops.
- Britain government and society wanted an empire, as it brought Britain, wealth, power and influence. Some people believed it helped other countries to modernise.
- The people colonised by the British, didn't have much say about the laws and customs. They lost the ability to govern themselves and were in many cases badly treated.
- The British Empire was made up of Great Britain (the 'mother country') and all of the countries that it ruled over – the 'colonies.' Britain had been building an Empire for many years before Queen Victoria was around.

Key Events and Key People

1750- 1900s - The British Industrial Revolution took place.

24th May 1819- Queen Victoria was born.

20th June 1837 - Queen Victoria became queen at 18, when her uncle, King William IV died.

10th February 1840 - Queen Victoria proposed to and married Albert, who was her cousin.

22nd January 1901 - Queen Victoria dies. Edward VII (Queen Victoria's and Prince Albert's eldest son) becomes king (his coronation took place in 1902).

Key Vocabulary

Colony	A group of people from one country who build a settlement in another territory. They claim the new land for their country.
Coronation	The ceremony when a king or queen is officially crowned as a country's monarch.
Empire	A group of countries ruled by a single person (the empress or emperor), group or country.
Industrialisation	A change from being a mainly agricultural (farming) society into a society based on larger scale manufacturing in mills and factories.
Legacy	Something that is handed down from one period to another period of time.
Monarch	A person who rules over a kingdom or empire.
Slavery	When someone owns another person or forces them to work and doesn't pay them.
Sovereign	A sovereign is a king, queen, or other royal ruler of a country.